

Biography of Cindy Brown Barnes

Cindy Brown Barnes is a Director of GAO's Education Workforce and Income Security (EWIS) team. Her work focuses on employment and training, worker safety and health, and protections for children and families.

Mrs. Brown Barnes has over 30 years of service performing financial, forensic, and performance audits of federal agencies and programs. She has conducted numerous training sessions on auditing techniques for federal agencies such as the Departments of Defense, State, and Health and Human Services, as well as for non-federal entities such as the Association of Government Accountants. Mrs. Brown Barnes holds a bachelor's degree in accounting from Howard University and a master's degree in business from Johns Hopkins University. She is a Certified Public Accountant, a Certified Fraud Examiner and Certified Government Financial Manager.